



U Serve Utah

Utah Commission on Service & Volunteerism

The **purpose** of the Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism is to enable individuals, communities and organizations in Utah to benefit from the service, power, skills, and passion of volunteers. Our **mission** is to strengthen Utah communities through the power of service and volunteerism. Our **vision** is vibrant, productive communities with active, engaged citizens.

Minutes

COMMISSION MEETING

January 20, 2015

11:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Senate Bldg Copper Room

ATTENDEES

Commissioners

Dwight Rasmussen

Ron Humphries

Alan Griffin for Brad Smith

Debby Hardy

Lynette Rasmussen

Jake Murakami

Diane Lewis

Melissa Miller Kincart

Julie Fisher

Kris Hamlet

Chris Bray

Anne O'Brien

Guests

Mike Moon

Ken Kraudy

Gloria Skanchy

Brian Somers

Staff

LaDawn Stoddard

Rochelle Runge

Katie Barlow

Mandee Curtis

Lani Nisbet

Amy Bridan

Karrie Beardall

WELCOME

Motion to approve November Board Meeting Minutes by Ron Humphries, seconded by Dwight Rasmussen. Vote carried by all.

Julie Fisher, Executive Director for the Department of Heritage and Arts discussed the role of the department related to the Commission. The department provides support services and financial oversight to the Commission. Commissioners were reminded that as board members for UServeUtah, they help in representing the Governor as they promote the culture of volunteerism across the state. Some legislative updates from the past couple of years were given.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Representatives from an organization working in each of the three Commission focus areas, spoke about the success they experience as a result of the services, grants, and trainings UServeUtah has provided in Utah in 2014.

Community Engagement:

Weber State University was one of the first organizations to attend the Volunteer Management Train-the-Trainer course offered by UServeUtah and receives funding to offer the training to nonprofit and government organizations in Northern Utah. In their first three years of providing the training, they have trained 92 unique individuals and 71 nonprofit organizations. Mike Moon from Weber State University presented a mini session from the Volunteer Management Training.

Disaster Service

Ken Kraudy from the Division of Emergency Management presented information on the Spontaneous Volunteer Management Training offered by UServeUtah. This training helps set the appropriate perspective for volunteers, organizers, and victims in the event of a disaster by creating a structure for receiving and organizing an influx of volunteers. The first half of the day involves curriculum about theory and best practices of setting up a volunteer coordination center. In the afternoon, the class is divided into two groups to participate in an exercise where they practice setting up the center. The curriculum is a localized adaptation of a FEMA training on unaffiliated volunteers, and provides municipalities the information they need to be eligible for FEMA funding if there is a Federally declared disaster.

National Service

A brief presentation was made by Gloria Skanchy from the Read.Graduate.Succeed about the AmeriCorps program they run in the state to improve literacy with students in grades 1-3. The program has 188 members serving in part- and full-time positions in 118 schools providing tutoring services to 7,000 elementary students across the state. Mentoring for Success is another program that helps mentor students toward graduation in 24 high schools by promoting attendance in school. A third pilot program Read.Graduate.Succeed has seen great success is a program where mentors provide tutoring to kindergartners by helping them learn letters and sounds in six weeks. Destination Graduation is a program in Wendover which seeks to improve graduation rates and to promote college attendance among youth.

COMMITTEE BREAK-OUT

National Service, Community Engagement and Disaster Services subcommittees met briefly to create action plans for 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/WRAP-UP

National Service

Goals discussed in subcommittee breakout were as follows; provide planning grants to address gap areas in programming; training for program directors; and the establishment of an AmeriCorps alumni network. Committee members would like additional education about national service in order to understand and provide advocacy. Committee would also like to see continuation of presentations at board meetings from AmeriCorps programs in the UServeUtah portfolio. Jake and LaDawn will develop AmeriCorps 101 training for the subcommittee (with all commissioners invited) so they can better speak to National Service.

Disaster Services

Committee responsibilities were discussed in subcommittee meeting. Next steps for 2015; a curriculum for donations management training will be developed and then trainings will be offered later this year; four Spontaneous Volunteer Management training courses will be held throughout the state; update the VDCT standard operating procedures. In the event of a large scale emergency, the state emergency operations center will be activated. UServeUtah is the lead agency for the volunteers and donations team and will therefore need operating procedures to fill that role in the emergency operations center. Additional follow up to be made with past attendees of the Spontaneous Volunteer Management training to complete action plans to be designated as "volunteer ready communities".

Community Engagement

Lani Nisbet reviewed some outcomes from 2014 including grantees, trainings, and other events. Three of the six focus areas were emphasized for 2015 including supporting corporate volunteer programs, encouraging and engaging communities of service, and encouraging K-12 schools to incorporate a service learning component as a graduation requirement. Subcommittees for these three areas will be developed.

Lieutenant Governor Cox Report

Lieutenant Governor Cox mentioned two accolades Utah has received for which UServeUtah and its board members seek to influence including being the #1 volunteering state in the nation as well as the #1 philanthropic state in the nation. How do we better utilize the desire that exists in Utah more efficiently to accomplish our goals and the goals of other nonprofits. Volunteers bridge the gap between the resources that we have and the need that exists. While millennials are less civically engaged than previous generations, they do volunteer more than previous generations.

WRAPUP

Items that were not covered today will be discussed at the next commission meeting (includes Commission governance items). Commissioners were encouraged to read through the strategic plan in preparation for the next commission meeting. A conflict of interest form was distributed to all commissioners and will be collected to ensure ethical integrity from board members. Discussion of upcoming events

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Anne O'Brien. Seconded by Kris Hamlet. Motion carried by all.

ADDITIONAL FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

LaDawn send calendar invite and talking points to commissioners for National Service Day on the Hill.

LaDawn send out link to website for National Pacific Region Conference to commissioners.

Jake to send out a list of mayors who participated in Mayors Day 2014 so commissioners can identify mayors to reach out to for 2015.